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FACT SHEET

SANDERS NOMINATES JARMAN AS CITY'S FIRE-RESCUE CHIEF

***AFTER CITY COUNCIL CONFIRMATION, JARMAN WILL
LEAD 1,259-PERSON, \$160 MILLION DEPARTMENT***

Mayor Jerry Sanders today nominated Tracy Jarman, a 22-year veteran of the San Diego Fire-Rescue Department, to be its next chief. Jarman, who began her career at the department as a recruit, was the unanimous choice of a five-member selection committee that considered over 30 candidates for the position. Councilmembers Brian Maienschein and Toni Atkins served on the selection committee.

The Mayor met with Jarman and offered her the job yesterday. If confirmed by the City Council at their meeting next Monday, Jarman will lead a department that includes 928 firefighters, 124 lifeguards, 85 uniformed positions in Emergency Medical Services, and 121 civilians, and manage a budget of \$160 million.

"Tracy Jarman was the best candidate for the job; our nationwide search clearly demonstrated that she is at the top of her field," said Mayor Sanders. "Her experience, professional competence, steely determination and proven ability to work well with others distinguished her from the field of highly qualified candidates that were considered. As a former chief myself, I encouraged Tracy to strike her own path and make the department her own."

Sanders has asked Jarman to prepare a realistic plan of action for the department within the next six months. "Our goal is to provide our citizens with the finest fire-rescue and life safety services that a department can provide," said Mayor Sanders. "In many ways, I think we are already doing just that but we can and should do better. There are certain fiscal realities that Tracy will have to address and weave into her plan. Improvements that we make will be incremental given the many competing demands for limited resources."

Once confirmed, Jarman will join an elite group of just two dozen female fire chiefs in the United States, and will be the first in San Diego. Of the 24 female fire chiefs in the nation, only Joanne Hayes-White of San Francisco runs a department larger than San Diego's.

Tracy Jarman Bio

Tracy Jarman joined the San Diego Fire-Rescue Department as a fire fighter on March 30, 1984. Over the past 22 years, she has progressed up through the ranks of the Fire-Rescue Department to the position of assistant fire chief in May 2003. Ms. Jarman is currently acting as interim fire chief.

As assistant chief, Jarman was responsible for the support services areas of the department for all fire, emergency medical and lifeguard services within the City of San Diego, including personnel, budget, fleet, facilities, fire prevention, dispatch, and information technology services. Prior to being appointed assistant chief, Tracy served in the position of deputy chief overseeing the 911 Fire and Emergency Medical Services Dispatch Center for five years.

Chief Jarman holds a fire science degree from Miramar College, a bachelor's degree in biology and a master's degree in public administration from San Diego State University. She is also certified by the State of California as a fire officer and a hazardous materials specialist. She spent several years responding as a member of the countywide Hazardous Materials Incident Response Team (HIRT), and as a plans officer for San Diego's Urban Search and Rescue Team, Task Force 8.

She resides in the City of San Diego with her domestic partner, Marcia Bonini.

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